

THOMAS W. SCOTT.

JANUARY 27, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cox, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9184.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House bill 9184, report the same with an amendment, striking out in line 6 of the bill the words "five hundred" and inserting the words "three hundred and fifty," and recommend that the bill so amended do pass.

The facts appear to be that Judge R. W. Hughes made an order for the payment of \$500 for services of guards and board of prisoner, G. M. Bain, jr., the late marshal, Thomas W. Scott, having been directed by the Supreme Court to hold custody of the prisoner during habeas corpus proceedings; that he made application for the payment, and delay was occasioned in getting together the vouchers and accounts, and finally succeeding in getting the books from the court and the accounts, he was engaged in complying with the directions when a fire occurred, destroying his warehouse, tobacco, and all books and records in his office, where these books and accounts were.

Your committee believe he ought to be paid, and think the \$280 for guards, and the board of the prisoner, should be paid, which they place at \$350.